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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-6, 9-15 and 17-18 are presently pending in the application. Claims 2, 7, 8, and 16 have been cancelled by this amendment. Claims 1 and 11 are in independent form.

Claim 1 was rejected under § 102(e) over Anderson. Claim 1 has been amended to include the elements of Claim 2. Accordingly, the rejection under § 102 has been overcome.

Claims 2-6 and 8-14 were rejected under § 103 over Anderson in view of Ohno. With the exception of the rejection to Claim 4, the Examiner has simply copied the text from the Examiner's prior office action with respect to these claims. Applicant argues that the combination is improper for at least the two reasons specified in Applicant's prior amendment.

First, Ohno relates to a rust coating treatment and not thermal spraying. As a result, there is nothing in either the references that would indicate that the processing in Ohno would lend itself to the stabilizer bar arrangement taught by Anderson. Second, there is no motivation in either reference to modify Anderson to process the stabilizer bar in the sequence claimed. The Examiner is merely picking and choosing elements. In the Examiner's rejections to these claims, the Examiner merely establishes why one might want to use the claimed step. However, the Examiner has not established that one of ordinary skill in the art would, or that the references teach, use of the claimed step in the particular sequence claimed. As a result, the rejection of these claims is improper and must be withdrawn.

If any additional fees or extensions of time are required, please charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1482.

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